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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

7447 E. Indian School Road, Ste. 105

Scottsdale, Arizona

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

5:15 p.m.

1) Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by Dan Basinger, Board Chair. The presence of a quorum was noted.

2) Roll Call and Approval of 12/17/03 meeting minutes

Members Present:            Dan Basinger, Chair  
                                     Don Manthe, Vice Chair  
                                     Michele Cohen  
                                     Ron Hand (arrived at 5:40 pm)  
                                     Brian Munson  
                                     Randy Nussbaum (arrived at 5:35 pm)  
                                     Jay Spector

City Staff Present:            Larry Person  
                                     Chuck Skidmore  
                                     Judy Register

Other Attendees:            Bodo Diehn  
                                     Zach Hand

On motion made by Vice Chair Manthe and seconded by Board Member Spector, the minutes for the 12/17/03 meeting were approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of three (3) to zero (0) with two abstentions.

## Election of Officers

Vice Chair Manthe chaired the portion of the meeting dealing with election of the Chair, and entertained a motion for Chair. Board Member Cohen nominated Chair Basinger for a second term. Board Member Munson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Basinger resumed as Chair of the meeting, and asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Board Member Munson nominated Vice Chair Manthe for a second term. Board Member Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

## 3) Old Business

- EnviroKidsFest '04 & Sol Fest updates

Mr. Person referred to the timeline in the Board Member packets. He noted that responsibilities for various tasks had been delegated and that he was pleased with the progress and planning for the event. Mr. Person stated that the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission had just donated \$5000 to help fund the EnviroKidsFest. He also advised the Board that SRP and APS had committed to a donation of \$5,000 each as well, and would serve as sponsors. He stated that marketing was progressing well and that schools and teachers had been contacted to determine the level of interest. He distributed a press release schedule for Board Member review.

Board Member Nussbaum reported on the steering committee meeting and noted that the attitude was positive and he was impressed with the committee members. He noted that the next meeting would be held February 17 at West World.

- Noise Issues

Chair Basinger recalled that previous discussions focused on the problems inherent in penalties and enforcement for violations of a noise ordinance. He referred to Mr. Little's presentation at the previous meeting, and his recommendation that the most effective way to combat the problem would involve educating the public on noise issues. Mr. Person referred to the passage of the Fireplace Ordinance and pointed out the importance of promoting a regional approach to issues that affect the entire valley.

Discussion ensued. Board Member Nussbaum suggested making specific recommendations regarding the existing codes relative to

noise as a means of making preliminary inroads now, and promoting more significant changes when the political climate is appropriate. After further discussion, Board Member Spector recommended that the city add a notice requirement for fireworks displays, through which the surrounding neighborhood would be informed of date and time of planned fireworks displays. He also suggested that the fireworks restrictions relating to the western theme park be expanded to include the entire city. Board Member Spector indicated that he would be happy to draft a memo to City Council with his suggestions. Chair Basinger directed the Board Members to review and evaluate the existing ordinances and communicate their input to him. He stated that he would summarize that input and forward it to Board Member Spector for inclusion in his letter to Council.

Ms. Register advised the Board that the March 1 City Council meeting would be appropriate for presentation of the letter. She also noted that a joint report with Neighborhood Enhancement and/or Transportation would be helpful. She suggested that a phone call to Council Members was a powerful tool as well.

- ESLO Revisions Recommendation

Vice Chair Manthe reported that there was nothing substantive to report since the last meeting. Mr. Person noted that the Scottsdale Website listed ESLO revisions going to City Council on February 17. Board Member Nussbaum pointed out that the EQAB, considering its role in drafting the ordinance, would be remiss if it did not make its opinion known to Council. Chair Basinger appointed himself, Board Member Spector, and Vice Chair Manthe to a sub committee to draft a memo to Council. Chair Basinger asked Vice Chair Manthe to present the memo at the Council meeting or Study Session.

- Environmental Report To Council

Chairman Basinger noted that he had received comments from the Board Members and incorporated them in the Report. On motion made by Vice Chair Manthe and seconded by Board Member Munson, the Environmental Report to Council was approved for submission to City Council. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

Board Member Nussbaum expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board to Chair Basinger for his efforts in preparing the Report.

#### 4) New Business

- Draft Remodeling Guidelines

Board Member Hand distributed a draft copy of the guidelines and noted that final text review would occur the next day. He stated that the document would be ready for Sol Fest, and that the sub committee would continue to fine-tune the document for inclusion with the Environmental Report to Council. Chair Basinger requested the attendance of all Board Members at the Council meeting for the presentation of the Environmental Report.

5) Standing Committee Reports

- Green Building Report

Board Member Cohen stated that Ms. Starr made a presentation to the Committee and that many questions and concerns were addressed. The Committee also approved a resolution supporting the general concept of Sol Fest. Ms. Cohen advised the Board that the Green Building Committee is planning a retreat for early March.

6) Updates and Reminders

Chairman Basinger reported on the last Household Hazardous Waste Day Event, noting that the event assisted 461 cars.

7) Board Member discussion of environmental topics

Board Member Spector inquired as to the drinking water issues and Federal standards with regard to arsenic. Vice Chair Manthe replied that Scottsdale has consultants researching the issue, that blending techniques would be used and that the level of contamination was not considered to be severe.

Chair Basinger stated that he would make arrangements for a tour of the Transfer Station and/or the Water Treatment Plant for those interested.

Chair Basinger asked for volunteers for presenting the Indicators Report to the remaining Boards and Commissions. The following assignments were made:

Airport Advisory Commission – Brian Munson  
Board of Adjustment – Randy Nussbaum  
Building Advisory Board of Appeals – Jay Spector  
Citizen Bond Review Commission – Jay Spector

Development Review Board – Ron Hand  
Historic Preservation Commission – Michele Cohen  
Housing Board – Don Manthe  
Human Relations Commission – Dan Basinger  
Human Services Commission – Dan Basinger  
Industrial Development Authority – Brian Munson  
Judicial Appointments Advisory Board – Randy Nussbaum  
Library Board – Ron Hand  
Loss Trust Fund Board – Letter  
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission – Larry Person  
Neighborhood Enhancement Commission – Michelle Cohen  
Parks and Recreation Commission – Brian Munson  
Personnel Board – Letter  
Planning Commission – Don Manthe  
Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board – Letter  
Scottsdale Pride Committee – Michelle Cohen  
Tourism Development Commission – Randy Nussbaum  
Transportation Commission – Don Manthe

Next Meeting is Scheduled for 2/18/04

7) Public Comment

Mr. Diehn referred to two problems relative to Chaparral Lake. He noted that Chaparral Lake is the only lake filled with purchased SRP water rather than relying on rainwater from Indian Bend Wash. He also expressed concern as to the cleanliness of the lake, noting the organic waste from ducks and other debris that is never flushed out. Mr. Diehn's second issue was the construction of the Chaparral Water Treatment Plant and recommended, as a noise reduction remedy, the use of power drops for the generators that will be used in several phases of construction.

Adjournment

On motion made and duly seconded, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg  
Court Reporter